

Sports

Gridders hope to drop UCLA

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In looking ahead to Saturday's trip to the Rose Bowl to challenge the 11th-ranked UCLA Bruins, it is tempting for the Oregon football squad to look to the past.

The freshest memories, of course, are of the strong showing in last weekend's 13-13 tie which knocked Notre Dame out of the top-20. It was a game the Ducks won everywhere but on the scoreboard.

But a more pleasant memory is of the last time Oregon travelled to Los Angeles to face UCLA. That was back in 1980 and the Ducks engineered a 20-14 win over the Bruins, who were ranked eighth at the time.

It may even bring back recollections of Jan. 1, 1958, when the Ducks last played in the Rose Bowl, scaring a heavily favored Ohio State team, before succumbing 10-7.

But memories don't win football games. No one knows that better than Oregon coach Rich Brooks, who must prepare his 0-6-1 Ducks to tackle the 6-0-1 Bruins at 1:30 p.m.

Brooks has spent his time this week thinking about how to slow down the nation's top passing attack and fourth best offense, while trying to shift his own offense into high gear.

"We have to score 21 points to even be in the game," said Brooks, who has seen his team reach that mark only once this season, in a 37-21 loss at Washington.

Brooks' concern is warranted because the Bruins are the second highest scoring team in

the nation, averaging 38.6 points per game. UCLA quarterback Tom Ramsey leads the nation in passing efficiency and is fourth in total offense, averaging 297.7 yards per game.

The Bruins showed their passing power last week at California, throwing for 397 yards in a 47-31 win. It was the sixth 300-plus yard effort through the air in seven games this season.

"Air Donahue," as Bruin fans refer to coach Terry Donahue's 1982 team, has had unusual success with the big play. That fact is reflected by the Bruins' incredible 15.3 yards per completion average.

Statistics like that scare Brooks.

"We can't give up the long play," Brooks said. But despite the success of the Bruin air attack, Brooks said the key to stopping the Bruins is to control the run. "We need to control the running game so that we can keep them off balance. That way we can do some special things to stop the passing game."

The best way to stop the Bruin attack is to keep it off of the field, so Brooks is hoping that his offense can continue to control the ball the way it has the past two games. "We have to take more snaps than the opponent," said Brooks.

A key to controlling the ball will be the ability of Terrance Jones and Ladaria Johnson to run the ball inside, something the Ducks have done more consistently of late. Jones led Oregon on the ground for the fifth time this season last week



Photo by Bob Baker

Oregon's Dwight Ford (57) and Steve Brown(28) hope to join their teammates in stuffing the UCLA Bruins Saturday, the way they did on this play against Notre Dame last weekend.

with 62 yards on 14 carries.

"It's really a prerequisite of this offense," Brooks said of the ability to run the ball inside. "If we're not (running inside), it makes it tough to do the other things we want to do with this offense."

Brooks said that fullback Dwight Robertson, who had been sidelined five weeks with a bad knee before getting into the Notre Dame game, will play a lot this week. But he cautioned against expecting great things from his senior because of all his time off.

Brooks is still not happy with the Ducks' passing attack. "It did improve, but we must throw

it better than we did last week."

Last week, sophomore quarterback Mike Jorgensen connected on eight of 21 passes for 96 yards. Jorgensen, who suffered a concussion at Cal two weeks ago and had to rest at several points against the Irish, will start at QB against UCLA.

On defense, middle linebacker Chris Cosgrove, who left last week's game after one play with the recurrence of a pinched nerve in his neck, probably will not see action this weekend.

In his place will be freshman Lerry Wilson, who Brooks lauded for an outstanding

performance against Notre Dame. He collected nine tackles and a pass interception.

"Lerry Wilson did an remarkable job for a freshman in the Notre Dame game, but I'd still like to have my veteran out there," Brooks said.

While the Ducks may have to fight the urge to remember the past, UCLA must battle the urge to look ahead. The Bruins play the second-ranked Washington Huskies next week in Seattle.

"I know the coaches won't look past us," Brooks said. "And I'm sure that our tie with Notre Dame will make it easier for them to convince their players."

Volleyballers hope for sweep

The Oregon volleyball team will be in uncharted territory when the Ducks travel to the apple state for matches against Washington State tonight, and Washington Saturday.

Oregon hasn't beaten Washington while Chris Voelz has coached Oregon, and

is looking to break that streak.

"We've never beaten Washington in the five years I've been here," said Voelz. "This would be the time to do it."

The Ducks, 9-10 on the season and 2-6 in the NorPac Conference, will be bolstered by the return of outside hitter

Ronda Dalthorp, back from a sprained ankle. Barb Lutz is still out with the same ailment.

Last time the Ducks met Washington, it was the Huskies who came away with a win, sweeping to a 15-9, 15-13, 15-7 victory at McArthur Court.

Washington is led by its huge front line of Lynn Poelstra (6-1), Becky Stone (6-1) and Abby Lyons (6-1), who combined for 25 kills.

"I think that if there is going to be a major difference — we'll be blocking them this time," said Voelz.

"We've put a lot of responsibility on our middle blockers. We feel much, much better about our defense."

Washington State is a rebuilding team with seven new faces on its roster. The Cougars are coached by Jim Coleman, who coached the men's United States national volleyball team in 1979-80 and the men's Olympic team in 1968.

Voelz plans to manhandle the Cougars.

"We want to beat them in three," said Voelz.

In addition to sweeping the Cougars, Voelz would like a weekend sweep. "There is nothing I would like better than to get up there and win two, because we've never done it before," said Voelz.

Trail Blazers begin 13th season on road against KC Kings Friday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers begin their 13th National Basketball Association season here Friday night with a game against the Kansas City Kings.

Jack Ramsay, in his seventh season as the Portland coach, will start newcomer Kenny Carr at power forward, Calvin Natt at small forward, Mychal Thomp-

son at center, and Jim Paxson and Darnell Valentine at guards.

Portland had a 6-2 pre-season record, the best in the club's history.

The Blazers play at San Antonio Saturday night and at Phoenix Tuesday night. Portland's home opener is next Thursday night against San Antonio.

Murphy still swinging

ATLANTA (AP) — Dale Murphy, named to The Associated Press major league All-Star baseball team Thursday and considered a front-runner for the National League Most Valuable Player Award, wasn't satisfied with his season and neither was Atlanta Braves Manager Joe Torre.

So late last week Murphy went to Sarasota, Fla., home of the Braves' instructional league team, to work on his hitting with Torre for four days.

"It was my idea," Torre said. "I just felt he needed some work on hitting, especially hitting the breaking ball."

"I didn't order him to go. I just asked him if he would. I just wanted to talk hitting with him and give him something to think about until the spring," said Torre, who was named the AP's Manager of the Year for guiding the Braves to the West Division

title.

"I thought it was a compliment that he wanted to take the time and go down there and work on a few things with me," the 26-year-old Murphy said Wednesday. "Joe was a successful hitter, and I think there's always opportunity to learn. I think it was nice of him to give me some concentrated study time."

Murphy, a graduate of Wilson High School in Portland, batted .281 last season and drove in 109 runs, tying him for the league lead with Al Oliver of the Montreal Expos. He also hit 36 home runs, one behind leader Dave Kingman of the New York Mets, had a .507 slugging percentage and stole 23 bases.

But, the 6-foot-5, 215-pound Braves outfielder said, "I don't see any phase of the game I can't work on. It all needs work. You always want to improve."

Harriers at WSU, UW

The men's and women's cross country teams will both be running in Washington Saturday — the men in Pullman and the women in Seattle.

Coach Bill Dellinger's men will be trying for their seventh consecutive Northern Division crown on the 10,000-meter course at Washington State.

The Ducks have run against all of the competition in this meet this season except for Washington State. This fact has Dellinger a little tentative.

"If Washington State has all its Kenyans, they'll be strong," Dellinger said of the Cougars.

Oregon will field 10 runners, including Jim Hill, the individual winner in the Ducks' first two meets.

After a two-week break from competition, the women will run

the 5,000-meter layout in the Washington Invitational at North Sea-Tac Park.

The race is in preparation for the NCAA District 8 Championship in Fresno, Cal., Nov. 13 and the NCAA Championships in Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 22.

"This course will be more like the course we'll run at nationals with a lot of twists, turns and hilly terrain," coach Tom Heinonen said.

Although the Ducks should not receive a serious challenge as a team, Washington's Regina Joyce should challenge Oregon's Kathy Hayes, Eryn Forbes and Rosa Gutierrez for the individual title.

However, Heinonen is not taking the race lightly. This is Washington's home ground. They'll be ready.